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MATTERS RELATED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Information on intergovernmental organizations not in the United Nations system

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on three intergovernmental organizations (Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)), that have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO.

1. Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the General Conference, "enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with ... intergovernmental and governmental organizations". The Guidelines (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paras. 8 and 9) stipulate that the Director-General shall circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations wishing to enter into agreements with UNIDO; upon approval of the Board, the Director-General shall conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the organizations concerned.

2. Information concerning the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), which have expressed the wish to enter into appropriate relationship agreements with UNIDO, is contained in the annex to the present document.

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

3. The Board may wish to authorize the Director-General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude appropriate relationship agreements with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO)

Historical background

The Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) is an intergovernmental regional organization that was established in 1985 by the Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey for the purpose of providing economic, technical and cultural cooperation among themselves.

ECO is the successor of the Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD) (1964-1979). The Organization was restructured and revived under its present name. Accordingly, the basic document of the Organization, the Treaty of Izmir of 1977, was amended at a ministerial level meeting held at Islamabad in June 1990. The Amended Treaty of Izmir was subsequently ratified by the founding members, with the organization being fully operational in its revitalized form in early 1991.

Purpose

The objectives of the Organization, stipulated in the Treaty of Izmir, include expansion of mutual trade, industrialization, promotion of conditions for sustained economic growth in the region and consolidation of cultural and spiritual affinities.

Cooperation with UNIDO

(a) Exchange of documentation and information;

(b) Attendance at relevant meetings;

(c) Participation/assistance in feasibility studies on industrial projects in the ECO region;

(d) Establishment of a data bank for information relating to industrial statistics, privatization, list of enterprises/engineering consultants, contractors and R and D centres in ECO countries;

(e) Establishment of standardization and a quality assurance system in ECO countries;

(f) Benefiting from the UNIDO System of Consultations.

Structure

Ministerial Council
Regional Planning Council
Council of Deputies
Technical committees

Membership

The Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey are founding members of ECO. In February 1992 ECO admitted five new members, namely Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Relationship with other intergov rnmental organizations

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ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

Historical background

Established in May 1982 at Fez, Morocco, following adoption of the statute by the eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting at Islamabad, Pakistan, in May 1980.

Purpose

Strengthening cooperation among Member States in the fields of education, science and culture, promoting the development of applied sciences and the use of advanced technology.

Structure

General Conference
Executive Council
General Directorate

Membership

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Activities

(a) Exchange of documentation and information;

(b) Joint technical cooperation programmes/projects, particularly in the field of training;

(c) Attendance at relevant meetings.

Relations with other intergovernmental organizations

Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation

Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization

Centre for the Bantu Civilizations

Islamic Development Bank

Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

World Health Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

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LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION ASSOCIATION (ALADI)

Historical background

Established on 12 August 1980 at Montevideo, Uruguay, when the charter of the Latin American Integration Assocation was signed by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of 11 independent Latin American States, replacing the Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA) established by the 1960 Montevideo Treaty.

Purpose

Pursuing the integration process leading to the promotion of the harmonious and balanced socio-economic development of the region towards the gradual and progressive establishment of a Latin American Common Market; facilitating cooperation in: promotion and regulation of reciprocal trade, economic complementation, and development of economic cooperation action encouraging market expansion; establishing an area of economic preferences comprising: a regional tariff preference, regional scope agreements and partial scope agreements; and promoting cooperation with other areas of economic integration.

Structure

Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
Evaluation and Convergence Conference
Committee of Representatives
General Secretariat

Membership

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Observer countries

Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Nicaragua, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland.

Activities

(a) Carries out studies and exchanges of documentation and information;

(b) Promotes joint technical cooperation programmes/project;

(c) Attends relevant meetings.

Relations with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

Organization of American States

Economic Community

Interamerican Develoment Bank

United Nations Development Programme

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Latin American Economic System

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

World Intellectual Property Organization

Latin American Energy Organization

Relations with international non-governmental organizations

Grupo Empresarial Industrial Centro Oeste Sudamericano

Latin American Iron and Steel Institute

Latin American Association of Food Processors

Latin American Industrialist Association

Latin American Shipowners Association

Latin American Federation of Consulting Engineers

Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry

Italian-Latin American Institute

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